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TAGS: MOPS, KE, SO, ET  
SUBJ: HORN CONFLICT AND MOMBASA BUNKERING

1. IN LIGHT MIDEASTFOR RESPONSIBILITY FOR OPERATION RUBY,  
TOGETHER WITH OTHER PROJECTED US NAVAL VESSEL MOVEMENTS IN  
INDIAN OCEAN AND RED SEA, I FEEL I SHOULD POINT OUT RELEVANCE  
OF KENYA'S STRONG SUPPORT FOR ETHIOPIA TO US NAVAL PRESENCE.

2. I BELIEVE IT HIGHLY PROBABLE THAT IF KENYANS PERCEIVE  
ACTIONS OF US VESSELS AS BEING IN SUPPORT OF SOMALIA OR IN  
OPPOSITION TO ETHIOPIAN CONDUCT OF WAR, US WARSHIPS WILL BE  
DENIED ACCESS TO MOMBASA PORT, THE ONLY PORT FREELY AVAILABLE  
TO US FOR BUNKERING AND REPAIR PURPOSES ON THE AFRICAN  
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